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SUBJ: PRO- SOVIET SOURCES ALLEGE RELEASE FROM IMPRISONMENT
OF ROMANIAN GENERAL SERB IN WAKE OF STANESCU OUSTER

REFS: (A) BUCHAREST 109 1, (B) BUCHAREST 1182

1. SUMMARY: SOVIET AND PRO- SOVIET SOURCES TELL US CATEGORICALLY
THAT ROMANIAN GENERAL SERB, WHO WAS ARRESTED IN 1971 FOR PRO-
SOVIET SYMPATHIES ON ACTIVITIES, HAS BEEN RELEASED. OTHER REMARKS
FROM BLOC SOURCES FURTHER CONTRIBUTE TO PICTURE OF FORMER
INTERIOR MINISTER STANESCU BEING OUSTED PARTLY FOR " MISTAKES"
IN SERB CASE AND PARTLY FOR OTHER REASONS. THERE ARE ALSO
SOME " KREMLINOLOGICAL" SIGNS THAT WOULD ACCORD WITH THIS
PICTURE ALTHOUGH WE REGARD LATTER AS EXTREMELY SPECULATIVE
AND SUSCEPTIBLE TO ALTERNATIVE INTERPRETATIONS. WHILE THIS
REPORT CONTAINS SOME INTERESTING MATERIAL FROM EE SOURCES ON
STANESCU OUSTER AND SERB CASE, IT SHOULD ALSO BE REGARDED WITH
CONSIDERABLE RESERVE IN ITS TOTALITY BECAUSE OF ITS SOVIET
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ORIENTATION. WE ARE INCLINED TO BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT THE MORE CATEGORICAL STATEMENTS THAT SERB HAS BEEN RELEASED ARE TRUE. END SUMMARY.

2. NUMBER OF EASTERN EUROPEAN DIPLOMATS (COUNSELLORS OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, HUNGARY AND USSRER WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. ROGERS

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